

The Child Support Report

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Welcome to the first issue of the Guilford County Child Support Quarterly Newsletter! Each quarter the Agency will publish a newsletter with the goal of informing our readers about current items of interest in child support & to spotlight some of our successes.

The Child Support Enforcement Program, also known as IV-D (4D), began in 1975 with the primary focus being to recoup money for the States that States paid out in public assistance. Since that time, the focus of the program has shifted with emphasis placed on getting money to the families. Many families no longer rely on public assistance because the child support is being paid.

As of December 31, 2008, Guilford County Child Support had over 22,000 cases established, of which, only 6% or approximately 1,350 cases were receiving public assistance checks from the Department of Social Services.

Guilford County has two child support offices, one located in High Point at 305 N. Main St. Suite 202, and one in Greensboro at 400 W. Market St. in the Guilford County Independence Center. These offices are staffed by 93 dedicated Agents, Clerical Staff, and Management. If you or anyone you know wants to apply for child support, please call either office to request an application: 845-7770 or 641-6438 or 800-992-9457 or visit the web.



NAME OUR NEWSLETTER

The agency is conducting an in-house contest to name our newsletter. The next edition of the newsletter (to be published in the Spring of 2009) will be published under its new name! The contest winner will be recognized in the newsletter as well!

Want to Contribute?

Each issue of the newsletter will feature some continuous segments, including "Running the Numbers" and "Did You Know". These segments provide quick statistics and little known facts. In keeping with the intent of the newsletter, we welcome your contributions. If you would like to write an article or have a suggestion for content, please contact Kate Julich at: kjulich@co.guilford.nc.us with your submission.

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RUNNING THE NUMBERS



Total \$ collected in 2008:

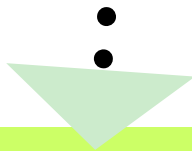
\$41,696,504.34

Total \$ collected in current support obligations in 2008:

\$32,510,798.00

Total % of cases that have an order established for support: 85%

What's new in 2009?



In 2009, Enforcement Agents will focus on increasing arrears collections. Guilford County receives Federal Incentive money based on the number of cases that have at least \$1 collected toward the arrears.

Visit us (soon) on the web!
www.co.guilford.nc.us/cse



Did you Know...

- ◆ That for every \$1 collected in child support, \$3 is spent in the local economy.
- ◆ That 1.8 million of the 8.8 million people in North Carolina are impacted by the program.
- ◆ That the Child Support Program is 2nd only to the Public School system in the number of lives it affects.
- ◆ That 90% of the money that is collected by CSE is paid directly to the families.
- ◆ Only an average of 8% of the cases are scheduled for Court each month—for any reason.

The Way We Were...

In Fiscal Year 1996/97, Guilford County Collected
\$16,468,929.00.

In Fiscal Year 2007/08, Guilford County Collected
\$41,671,751.00.

We've come a long way, (baby)!